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**STANLEY ZIRKIN IS RECIPIENT OF ABA FEDERAL LABOR
AND EMPLOYMENT ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR AWARD**

On August 9, 2006, General Counsel Ronald Meisburg announced the selection of Assistant General Counsel Stanley R. Zirkín, Chief of the Contempt Litigation and Compliance Branch, as the co-recipient of the American Bar Association's first annual "Federal Labor and Employment Attorney of the Year Award" for outstanding achievement in the field of labor and employment law. The award was presented to Mr. Zirkín on August 7, 2006, at the ABA's national convention in Honolulu, Hawaii. In announcing the honor, General Counsel Meisburg stated:

I am very proud of Stan Zirkín. He is well-deserving of this Award. Stan is a model litigator and manager who over the years has earned a reputation in the labor community as an honest but aggressive opponent ceaselessly protecting employee rights under the National Labor Relations Act. The Agency is fortunate to have a person of his dedication, skills and experience serving the public.

The ABA stated that the selection committee considered the attorney's "commitment to government service; demonstrated contribution to the legal profession; sustained excellence in the quality of their work product; integrity and dedication; leadership within their federal agency and the legal community outside of their agency; and legal scholarship."

A native of New York City, Mr. Zirkín graduated Magna Cum Laude from State University of New York at Binghamton with a B.A. degree in Political Science in 1966. He received his J.D. from Georgetown University Law School in 1969. At Georgetown, he was an editor on the Law Review and won special awards for academic excellence in the subjects of labor law and civil procedure.

Mr. Zirkín began his career with the Board as an Attorney in the Appellate Court Branch in January 1970, after completing active duty in the Army National Guard. After many years serving as a supervisor, Deputy Branch Chief and Acting Branch Chief of the Board's Contempt Litigation and Compliance Branch, he was appointed Branch Chief in May 2003. In making the appointment, then General Counsel Arthur F. Rosenfeld described Mr. Zirkín as "a consummate litigator and an experienced supervisor and manager" who is a "formidable and very successful advocate for the NLRB in court." Similarly, in 1996, then General Counsel Fred Feinstein called attention to Mr. Zirkín's "tireless efforts to skillfully and effectively enforce the Act" and his longstanding reputation as an attorney who is "always willing to go the extra mile, to make the special effort to assure that a case is pursued completely and thoroughly."

In addition to effectively litigating his own cases (lead trial counsel in 38 contempt trials and oral advocate in scores of cases before the U.S. Courts of Appeals) and supervising the litigation and settlement of hundreds of other meritorious cases, Mr. Zirkin is an excellent teacher. He has mentored countless attorneys over the years on discovery, trial advocacy and writing. He has also shared his skills with other federal agencies and the outside bar, serving as a volunteer on the National Community Disputes Settlement Panel (American Arbitration Association), and as an instructor of Advocacy Skills for the Legal Education Institute, Department of Justice. He also was the primary drafter of the debuting chapter on “Contempt Proceedings” in How to Take a Case before the NLRB, 7th Edition, copyrighted by the American Bar Association.

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